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In re Application of:)
Richard Bruce RODEN, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1642
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For: IMMUNOGENIC OVARIAN CANCER GENES)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Requirement for Restriction issued July 2, 2002, in the subject application. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time up to and including September 2, 2002, for filing this response. A Payment for the one-month extension of time in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges required to keep this application pending, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

Applicants herewith elect the invention claimed in claim 41, directed to a method of screening for cancer in an individual by assaying the individual's body fluid for the presence of antibodies to any of HOXA7, HOXB7, Arf-1, ABC-7 or the protein encoded by the *EcoRI/XhoI* fragment of bacteriophage λ clone 44B.1.

Applicants believe that claim 41 is a generic claim, and that any species encompassed within generic claim 41 as described above should be examined in the present application. To

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the extent that the Restriction Requirement is construed in any other way, Applicants traverse the restriction.

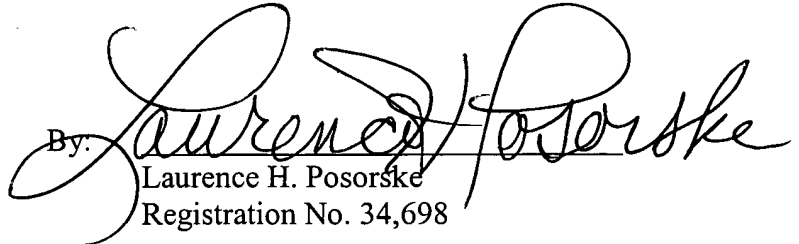
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